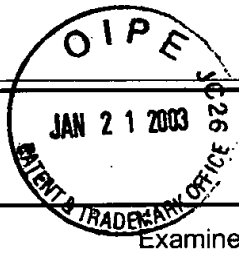


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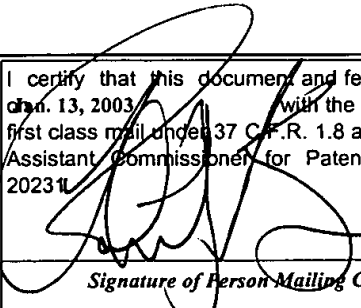
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This Response is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 11, 2002. Applicants request amendment and reconsideration of the patent application.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 6, 14, and 18 to read as follows.

1. (Amended) A portable information terminal which allows an inputting operation with one hand, comprising:

a polyhedral structure having a plurality of component faces including at least a first component face and a second component face, wherein the second component face is adjacent the first component face and has a keyboard capable of accepting a plurality of different user inputs; and

a display screen accommodated on the first component face.

6. (Amended) A portable information terminal as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polyhedral structure includes a third component face as part of the plurality of component faces with which a thumb of a hand can contact such that the polyhedral structure is capable of being supported by a portion of the hand proximate to a root of the thumb, and wherein the portable information terminal further comprises at least four input keys arranged in a zigzag pattern on